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## **Annual Juvenile Court Conference to Open This Week in Monterey**

### ***Beyond the Bench XVII Set for December 13–15***

Monterey—More than 1,000 child welfare professionals, attorneys, probation officers, social service providers, judicial officers, and court administrators from California's 58 counties will gather in Monterey this week to learn about the latest research and best practices for improving juvenile justice and child abuse and neglect proceedings.

"Beyond the Bench XVII: Sharing Responsibility for OUR Children" will be held tomorrow, December 13, through Friday, December 15, at the Monterey Conference Center, One Portola Plaza. The conference is sponsored by the Center for Families, Children & the Courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Juvenile dependency and delinquency professionals have the opportunity to take part in 39 workshops and 4 plenary sessions, which cover a broad range of dependency and delinquency issues facing the juvenile justice court and its partners.

Keynote speakers will include:

- **Justice Carlos R. Moreno**, of the California Supreme Court, will discuss the work of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, which he chairs.
- **Associate Judge Patricia Macias**, of El Paso, Texas, a former member of the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care, will speak about the work of that group.
- **Professor Franklin Zimring**, the William G. Simon Professor of Law and Wolfen Distinguished Scholar, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley, will discuss "Treatment of Sex Offenders."
- **Ms. Shannan Wilber**, Executive Director, Legal Services for Children, San Francisco, will present "Breaking the Silence:

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- Stories of LGBT Youth in Out-of-Home Care.”
- **Ms. Judy Murphy**, Cofounder of Moms Off Meth and a social worker with the Iowa Department of Human Services, will present “Addiction and Recovery: One Woman’s Journey.”

Other speakers include Assembly Majority Leader Karen Bass; Assemblymember Bill Maze; Judge James Payne (Ret.), Director of the Indiana Department of Child Services; and Mr. William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the California Courts.

Symposia and workshops range from “The Saving F.A.C.E. (friends, acquaintances, and community education) Approach to Finding Permanent Homes for Every Teen in Our Care, Barring No One!”; “More Hemingway, Less Faulkner: What Makes and Breaks Appellate Advocacy in Dependency Cases”; “Working With Domestic Violence in the Juvenile Dependency System”; and “The Nuts and Bolts of the Indian Child Welfare Act.”

The Beyond the Bench agenda follows. All sessions are open to the press with media credentials.

**Note to editors and reporters:** The California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care will also meet in Monterey to focus on the needs of older foster youth. The commission will hold its opening dinner tonight, December 12, and will convene on Wednesday, December 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel. For details, visit [http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/tflists/documents/BRCCFC\\_Agenda\\_12121306.pdf](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/tflists/documents/BRCCFC_Agenda_12121306.pdf).

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**AT A GLANCE AGENDA**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2006**

**Special Symposium**

- 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**      **Basic Dependency Law for Attorneys** (lunch provided)  
**8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**    **Graduated Sanctions in Juvenile Justice** (lunch provided to attendees of both sessions)  
**1:00–5:00p.m.**            **Evidence-Based Practices: What Works in Correctional Intervention?**  
**10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**    **The Saving F.A.C.E.\* Approach to Finding Permanent Homes for Every Teen in our Care, Barring No One!**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2006**

- 6:00–9:00 p.m.**            **Opening Dinner**

This dinner provides a unique opportunity for participants to meet with members of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care. Commissioners will be seated at different dinner tables around the room and will welcome the chance to discuss their work.

**Thursday, December 14, 2006**

- 8:30–10:00a.m.**            **Welcome/Plenary Session**  
                                  **“Treatment of Sex Offenders”**

- 10:00–10:15 a.m.**        **Break**

- 10:15– 11:45 a.m.**        **Workshops I**

- I A   Working with Domestic Violence in the Juvenile Dependency System**
- I B   Understanding Psychological Evaluations**
- I C   More Hemingway, Less Faulkner: What Makes and Breaks Appellate Advocacy in Dependency Cases**
- I D   The Nuts and Bolts of the Indian Child Welfare Act**
- I E   Searching for a Home: Attachment and Bonding in Foster Children**
- I F   Reforming California's Juvenile Corrections System: An Update on the State's Plans**
- I G   Symposium on Medi-Cal Coverage for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System**
- I H   Dependency Law Update**

- 12:00–1:30 p.m.**            **Lunch/Plenary Session**

- 1:45–3:15 p.m.**            **Workshops II**

- II A   Permanency and Stability for Foster Children, Partnering With Caregivers, NREFM, and “Important Individuals”**
- II B   Normalizing the Lives of Foster Youth**
- II C   Experts in Delinquency Court: Who’s Out There and What Can They Do?**
- II D   Approaching System Change: The Vera Institute's Efforts to Support Juvenile Justice Reform in New York State**
- II E   Working with Children Exposed to Violence**
- II F   Sociological Development of California Street Gangs**
- II G   Juvenile Courts and the Rotary: Working With the Private Sector**
- II H   Representing Your Client in Postdisposition Delinquency Proceedings: The Best Interests of the Child and Rule 1479**

- 3:15–3:30 p.m.**            **Break**

- 3:30–5:00 p.m.**            **Workshops III**

- III A   Parent-Child Interaction Therapy: Application to High-Risk Families**
- III B   Working With Incarcerated Young Mothers**
- III C   Role of Youth in the Court Process – Keeping It Real**
- III D   Landmines and Loopholes: The Dirty Little Secrets of Delinquency Practice**
- III E   Stress, Coping, and Resilience: Essential Information for Court Professionals**

- III F A Challenge to Colorblindness: Child Welfare and Juvenile Court
- III G Tribal Courts and Jurisdiction
- III H True Title IV-E Compliance in Dependency and Delinquency Cases: Looking Beyond "Box Checking"

**5:15–6:45 p.m. “Aging Out”**

This award-winning film follows young people as they exit foster care, become parents, battle drug addiction, face homelessness, and even end up in jail. Following the showing of this film, codirector Vanessa Roth will lead a discussion and entertain questions.

**Friday, December 15, 2006**

**7:30–8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

**8:00–9:30 a.m. “Breaking the Silence: Stories of LGBT Youth in Out-of-Home Care”**  
**“Addiction and Recovery: One Woman’s Journey”**

**9:30–9:45 a.m. Break**

**9:45–11:15 a.m. Workshops IV**

**IV A The Ins, Outs, and In-Betweens of Victims' Rights and Roles in the Juvenile Court Process**

**IV B How Does the Juvenile Justice System Measure Up? A Practical Strategy for Measuring Performance in Your Jurisdiction**

**IV C Effective Use of Experts in Dependency Cases**

**IV D Education Goals in Dependency/Delinquency – Redefining Education**

**IV E Visitation: The Key to Children’s Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being**

**IV F Child Welfare and the Courts: Partnering to Improve Outcomes for Children**

**IV G Gender, Sexual Orientation, and Sexual Conduct Issues in Dependency and Delinquency**

**IV H Youth With Developmental Disabilities in the Juvenile Justice System**

**11:15–11:30 a.m. Break**

**11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Workshops V**

**V A Delinquency Legal Update**

**V B Innovative Collaborations Between CASA and Child Welfare Services**

**V C Housing for Emancipated Foster Youth: How to Build Capacity in Your Community to Help Youth Make a Successful Transition**

**V D Immigration 101 for Youth in the Juvenile Court System: Forms of Relief and New Developments in the Law**

**V E Ethics Playhouse: Dependency Dilemmas in Everyday Practice**

**V F The Use and Abuse of Psychotropic Medication for Foster-Care Youth and Children**

**V G How Judicial Officers, Attorneys, Social Workers, and Probation Officers Facilitate Permanent Outcomes for Dependant and Delinquent Children**

**1:00–2:00 p.m. Lunch: County Team Meetings**